

Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

A **common noun** is a *general* name for a person, place, or thing.

Examples: girl school city dog book

A **proper noun** is a *specific* name for a person, place, or thing. Each important word in a proper noun starts with a capital letter.

Examples: Emma Sunnyside School New York Harry Potter

1. Circle the common nouns and underline the proper nouns.

dog	city	Sarah	London	Mr. Smith
park	Central Park	book	Ms. Jones	country
school	Monday	river	Google	baseball
car	friend	Canada	pet	town

2. Read the sentences below. Circle the common nouns and underline the proper nouns.

- The girl went to the store.
- My friend, John, loves to read books.
- We visited the museum in New York City.
- My favorite day is Saturday.
- Emily and her brother played in the park.
- We saw a lion at the zoo.
- My family traveled to Paris last summer.
- The boy ate an apple for lunch.
- Mr. Johnson is our new neighbor.
- We had a picnic by the river.

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3. Draw lines to pair each common noun with its associated proper noun.

city	Spot
river	Mount Everest
dog	Friday
mountain	Amazon River
day of the week	Paris
school	Ms. Smith
woman	Disney World Theme Park
park	Lincoln Elementary

4. Write one example of each type of noun below.

A common noun (a thing): _____

A proper noun (a place): _____

A common noun (an animal): _____

A proper noun (a person's name): _____

A common noun (something at school): _____

A proper noun (something at home): _____

5. Read the story below. Circle the common nouns. Underline the proper nouns.

Emma and her little brother, Noah, walked to Sunnydale Elementary School on a chilly Monday morning. The crisp air smelled like fresh bread from Joe's Bakery as they passed by. "Hurry up, or we'll be late!" Emma said, pulling Noah's backpack strap. A red bus zoomed past, and a friendly driver waved at them. Near the park, they saw Mr. Brown, their neighbor, walking his big, fluffy dog, Max. The golden leaves crunched under their shoes as they crossed Maple Street. When they finally reached school, the big bell rang loudly. "Made it just in time!" Noah cheered, racing up the stairs.